



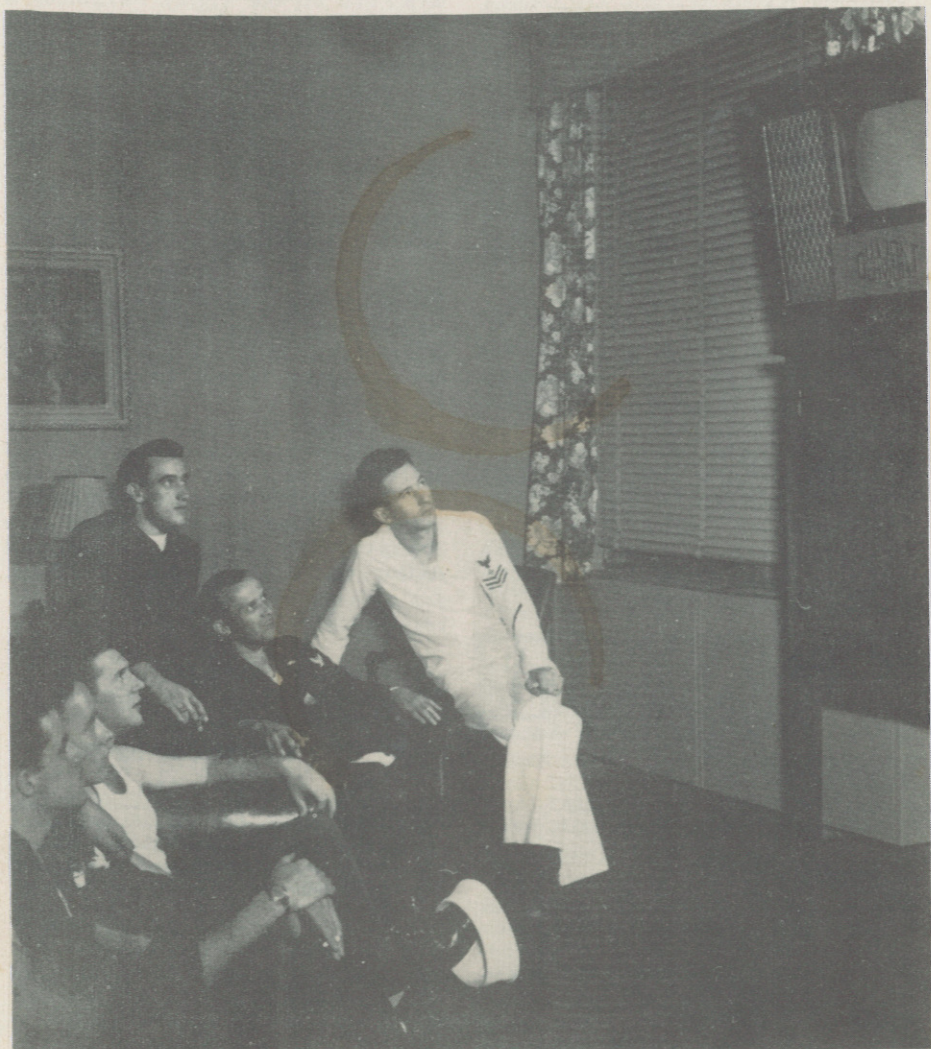
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BOOK LOOK

A list of the new books added to Crew's Library during the month of April is posted near the entrance. If you are technically minded you will be pleased to notice the long list of excellent books along many lines which were included in last month's list. Newer still are these two which are sure to be in great demand:

BARBED-WIRE SURGEON by Weinstein. A powerful book packed with dramatic tales of savage mistreatment of a group of doctors and nurses in a Japanese prison camp.

INSIDE STORY OF THE PEN-DERGAST MACHINE by Milligan. Advertised as "The Missouri Waltz," this book exposes Kansas City's political machine. As exciting as a gangster movie.



DIVINE SERVICES



PROTESTANT

Sunday - 1000 - Morning Worship - (Aud.)
(Communion, first Sunday of each month)

CATHOLIC

Sunday - 0600 - Mass in the Auditorium
Sunday - 0830 - Mass in the Auditorium
Daily - 1205 - Mass in the Chapel
Confessions are held before each Mass.

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES

Rooms 128 and 203 - Phones (Prot) 324
and 388 - (Cath) 249 and 324

TELEVISION SHORT

You've heard that song that ends "juke box Saturday night." The recreation office would change that phrase to "Television box, duty nights."

Counting them all up, the recreation department now has seven television sets located throughout the station. First, in the recreation building, B.O.Q., the nurses quarters, plus buildings 140, 142, 143 and 12. Currently the big attraction is night baseball.

On the cover you have an example of all this in the Main Corpsmen quarters. To be frank, we don't know who is there except E. C. Martin on the right, Personnel's Aycock next to him, the next gentleman is mystery man No. 1, then Physio-Therapy's Holstein and mystery men Nos. 2 and 3. If you can identify these men you may win a three bushel economy size carton of Voom-O.

CENTER NEWS ON AIR

As part of its local editors' program series, radio station WBCC in Bethesda has made five minutes a week available to the Center News for broadcast in this hospital community.

The exact time is 11:55 AM to 12:00 M every Saturday and WBCC is 1120 on your dial. Any news you think would be interesting or amusing to a radio audience bring it to the attention of your command editor or to the Chaplain's Office.

"LEND YOUR VOICE TO THE CHOIR"



Recreation

NEW ATHLETIC FIELD

Undoubtedly many of you have noticed the bulldozers removing the hills and filling up the gullies over the area near the tennis courts. The outcome is going to be a new athletic field for NNMCM personnel.

VETS HOSPITAL CAMP SHOWS

The Veterans Hospital Camp Show "Footlight Revue" Unit #54 was well received by all those who had the pleasure of attending this show. Don't miss the next variety show entitled "International Revels" Unit #55 to be presented in the auditorium at 1800 on 26 May 1948.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Organization of a softball league at NNMCM has been proposed to get underway June 1st.

The following schedule of teams for entry in the league has been suggested but more teams may be entered if desired:

NNMCM	1 Team
NH	2 Teams
NMS	2 Teams
NDS	2 Teams
NMRI	1 Team
NSHA	2 Teams

Entry applications for the above teams, together with rosters of players, should be submitted to the athletic or recreation officer prior to 17 May.

Team captains and other interested persons are requested to meet with the athletic and recreation officer, at 1330 Monday, 17 May, in Room 219, Bldg. #1, to discuss plans for organizing the league.

Scheduled games will be played on the NNMCM grounds at 1630 daily, Monday through Friday.

DARTS

A considerable number of dart sets were recently received from PRNC. These sets are quite different from the ordinary dart games. Bowling, baseball, etc.,

can be checked out through the recreation department. All concerned in checking out these sets may do so through the recreation office.

CABIN CRUISER "CATHERINE"

Correspondence recently received from PRNC states that the Cabin Cruiser "Catherine" operated by the Comdt. of PRNC as a welfare and recreation vessel is available for use by naval personnel, commissioned and enlisted, serving in the Washington area. This vessel operates out of the Naval Gun Factory and goes as far down the Potomac River as the U. S. Naval Powder Factory, Indian Head, Md. Fishing, picnicing and other outdoor facilities can be made available with use of the craft. Parties requesting use of the "Catherine" should make reservations through the recreation officer who, in turn, will submit the request to PRNC.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

The All-Navy Swimming and Diving Championship will be held during the fourth week in August 1948.

In order to select a team to represent the Potomac River Naval Command, a qualifying championship will be held the second week in July. The date for the Championship to begin and the number of days of Championship will be decided after all entries have been received. The Championship will be held at the U. S. Naval Receiving Station, Washington, D. C.

Each activity will be permitted to submit as many entries as they desire. A full team for purposes of Commandant's Trophy Competition will consist of one entry in each event. The events are: 100, 200, 400, 800, and 1500 meters Individual Medley Swim and 3 meters Springboard Dive. The list of entries must include name, rate, serial number, and event entered and must be received by the Commandant by 12 June 1948.

All personnel interested contact the Recreation Office.

Our recreation facilities are for the use of all patient and staff personnel. If they are not used, they do nobody any good.

Capt. Ralph W. Taylor, NAS, Alameda, California, Cdr. F. E. Frates, Jr., and Cdr. L. E. Johnson of the Naval Dental School have been invited by the Argentine Government to give clinics in the fields of Oral Surgery, Operative Dentistry and Crown and Bridge. They will be gone for approximately six weeks.

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Dr. Herbert J. Towle and Earl Hartzfeld, DT3, have been assigned temporary additional duty to attend the Pennsylvania State Dental Society Convention May 11, 12, and 13 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. They will exhibit new technics in ocular and maxillo-facial restorations.

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Question of the week: Did anyone remember to send Chief Whiting a Mother's Day card?

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"Big Stoop" Lytle made a big discovery last week. Women are a dime a dozen and all this time he's been buying jelly beans.

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Hosey hit the jackpot at the local bingo stand and brought home a punch bowl set. Now he can't decide whether to stock up on ingredients for "punch" or buy goldfish.

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LaPlante still maintains he was framed when accused of waking the barracks from a deep sleep in the wee hours of the morning. His argument: he was too far gone to even stand up let alone make enough noise to arouse anyone from slumber.

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The prosthetic lab can always be depended on for a good story. The last time your reporter made a visit to the sacred domain he came upon Jones sitting in a daze in the corner whistling, "I Wish I Was in Dixie." The current topic of conversation seemed to be the progress of Newton's and Lerario's sweet potato plant. Alexander was in the opposite corner filling out his racing form for the day while Ledbetter was drinking furiously at the fountain trying to cure his hicoughs. When asked for a statement they unanimously agreed that "they were hot for this prosthetic work" so with that your reporter thought he'd best be gettin' back.

We have heard of numerous varieties of celebrations, but never like the one our red headed mail man participated in a couple of weeks ago. He came into the barracks in a rather jubilant mood with the exception of one slight (?) fact. It seems that this lad had given one of the local hackeys a 10 spot for a one dollar bill. In any language this would take the wind out of your sails, however, Red seemed to take it in his stride and in the future he will no doubt take a good look at the currency before handing it to the cabby and nonchalantly saying, "Keep the change."

Bridge seems to be gaining a great deal of popularity in the staff barracks. Some of the boys might be termed a whiz at the game, Johnston of X-ray fame is no dope with the cards and Andy, the DDT boy, receives a great deal of respect from a number of the bridge playing lads. Yes, this is the same Andy that was so amply described in the Center Command column last issue.

Well, it seems that one of the staff boy's evils has finally caught up with him. Mendonsa's complexion is a bit on the rosy side here of late and we don't mean he has a sunburn. You might say that this lad really picked up something when he contacted his latest and brightest rash. However, just to foul up this writer he will probably be back to normal color before this issue is published.

CIVILIAN NEWS

The telephone room has taken on a new addition: Clara Gordon of Bethesda - welcome, Clara - sure hope you like us.

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We were indeed sorry to see "Trudy" Offutt now "Trudy" Cherault leave the record office. We wish her lots of luck in the field of matrimony.

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The Property & Accounting office has a new married couple -- Deloris Olson and William Rodney Moore, HM 1. Their lucky day was April 30 -- Lots of luck to you all.

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Doris Williams of the Pay Office
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and Warren Dale Phillips also seemed to think that April 30th would be the day -- Lots of success to you both.

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Procurement also has three new girls: Dixie Davis from Bethesda, Jeanette Vigness from Minnesota, and Bonnie Butts from Bethesda -- welcome to your new jobs, girls.

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Farewell to Barbara Currin who was with the Disbursing Office -- she is now a lady of leisure.

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Bernice Doohen is also leaving us on the 21st of this month. Her husband has finished his internship and they are going home to South Dakota. We will miss you - Bernice, especially all your friends down in the Commissary.

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This will be the last issue before our coming Civ-Recs dance on the 28th of May. If you haven't heard about it, then I shall give you a brief analysis: It will be held at the National Press Building, 14th and F Sts., N. W., at 9:00 p.m. Music will be furnished by the famous "Tiny" Meeker's orchestra. Tickets are still available and for information concerning where to buy them, call Joe Clifford, Ext. 334.

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We are getting cooperation from the civilians for news that goes on around us but would like more. So if you know anything you think we should know, call the Chaplain's office, Ext. 324.

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Now that we have this nice weather, ole "Grumpy" will be sailing the high seas. Have fun Grump, and don't get sea sick.

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Good-bye for now -- see you in two weeks.

FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE HOUSE TRA - LA

May flowers are about to take a beating.

The Naval Medical Center Greenhouse which supplies the chapels and hospital patients with flowers, is to be moved from its present location directly behind the tower about an eighth of a mile to a wooded section of the grounds. The gardener, who at the time of interview

was gloomily packing his plants and complaining loudly about the cold spell, said the movers were going to pile the glass cubicals on a trailer. He was skeptical or maybe afraid of seeing much broken glass.



Most of the folks in Center Command have spent the last week waving farewell. Topping the disappearing figure's list was Lt. W. T. Sterling who departed for the Naval Hospital at Newport, R. I.

The new light cruiser Worcester will be, by the time we go to press, in receipt of one pharmacist third, Elkins. The cruiser will be commissioned shortly after Elkins arrives -- not a mere coincidence.

Martin, W. D., has been long gone to a sound movie operator's school in Norfolk, Va. He should be back in about another 5 weeks. Speaking of movie operators, there are two fellows who are doing a pretty fine job of projecting your movies by the names of Phillips and Richardson. The job requires skill, intelligence, ability and a great deal of common sense. Good looks counts, too. How do we know all these things? One of the gentlemen, Phillips, was just in telling us all about it.

A violent hurricane swept thru the Centerian's barracks a short time ago. Chief Huffer and Puffer was Bradley whose management of field day was splendid. His strategy and dust preventing tactics are commendable.

Championship golfers aren't always famous. As proof of this, consider the case of our man Butts, whose skill with a 5 iron hasn't been tested this season because of rain.

Lest we not forget in this issue a note that Fletcher has bought himself a real gunboat. This craft, built by the Buick Corporation about 1940, has two turrets forward and Fletcher backward. Tonnage is in the vicinity of half-enough, the overall attractiveness of this vehicle is supplemented evenings by companionable ladies of Montgomery and nearby counties.



No longer had we considered having a column to announce stork arrivals on Tower Four than the first two entries were presented to us. This will be a regularly established feature if we can solicit the co-operation of the stork and accomplices for our Bi-weekly editions.

Ladies first: Patricia Ann Edwards, born May 3. Pop, a HM 1 at NNMHC, has the family at 1934 4th Street, N. E., in the Nation's Capitol.

Admirals next: Brian Nelson Jennings, born May 6. Father, CWO Belton Jennings is assigned to Medical Research, and their home is at 8805 Riggs Road, Bethesda.

RESEARCH REVIEW

Bill Oubre has come through with some assistance in writing this column. It is hoped that others will offer a hand. The more the merrier, and the less the conscience of one person (?) will be troubled.

HM 1 Schultz and Lt. Cdr. Knight will leave next week for Alaska where they hope to finish some "unfinished business." We trust the gals will remember them and that a big Eskimo pie will be baked for their homecoming.

Dr. Huff's new assistant, Miss Tsugi Shiroishi, was born and reared in San Francisco and came here from Chicago where she had worked with Dr. Huff. To Miss Shiroishi, we extend a welcome greeting.

Don't miss the next issue of the Hospital Corps Quarterly! (Free ad for Lt. Patton who has worked so hard to make this an outstanding

issue.)

The CPO Club at Anacostia extends an invitation to all chiefs and their wives or girl friends. Beer and juicy steak sandwiches are on sale at the club, and if you feel lucky, their one-arm bandit will give you a thrill for your money.

If you had known Chief Hospitalman Hadden back in the "good old days" when he was a budding medical illustrator at the Naval Medical School, you would have seen a brilliant, alert, and energetic hospital apprentice who was young and slender, handsome as they come and a whiz on the tennis court. That was in 1937 when he was painting and drawing illustrations for the Hospital Corps Handbook.

We understand he is trying to regain his handsome figure, but from the appearance of his "navy chest" he is apparently drinking from the wrong fountain of youth. One thing can be said in his favor, however. He is beginning to take various exercises before coming to work in the morning. Hadden has been trying to lean forward and touch the floor with the tips of his fingers without bending his knees. Although he has not been entirely successful in mastering this part of his daily athletic routine, he should not be laughed at or considered a total failure. His avoirdupois has undergone considerable reduction since he began taking the exercises, and he can now lean forward without bending the floor!

"JOIN THE CHOIR"



Captain L. O. Stone, MOIC of the Naval Hospital and Captain B. W. Hogan, Executive Officer of the Hospital with Disabled Veterans Representatives. (See story, next page)



CHIEF CAPPER RECEIVES PUC

Joseph Calvin Capper, Chief Hospital Corpsman, bacteriology student at the Navy Medical School, received the Presidential Unit Citation from Captain Vincent Hernandez, in a brief ceremony at the Medical Center on Tuesday, 4 May.

The award was made for service with assault troops of 5th Amphibious Corps, Reinforced U. S. Fleet Marine Force for "extraordinary heroism in action during the seizure of enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, February 19 to 20, 1945."

Chief Capper reported at the Medical School for instruction in April, from Bremerton, Washington, where he had been on duty for 13 months.

He enlisted in the Navy originally in October 1939 from the State of Montana.

SHARPS & FLATS

When we all first came here, we probably heard about the choirs, and we thought, well I don't want to sing; one reason is that I have not too good a voice and well, what would the fellows think of me?

We wonder if anybody knows what really goes on with the bunch that are now members of the Protestant and Catholic choirs. Well, for instance, there was a party at the cottage for one of the boys who was leaving us; they all had a swell time; for further information ask Adams and Guy.

It is not a very easy job to keep a choir going in a place like this where fellows are coming and going, but I think if more people would manifest interest they would find out that you can have a swell time with the different people in the choirs and also there is a fine church service which I think everybody would enjoy more while contributing personally towards its success.

We would like all the members we could possibly get and also you nurses. I think we have more than four or six women that can sing in this hospital.

So let's all try at least one practice and see how you like it. The odds are that you will.

Catholic choir practices Wednesdays at 1800, Saturdays at 1230.

Protestant choir rehearsal is on Tuesday at 1800. If you can't make it, notify Hartzfeld at Ext. 324.

I hear in the Catholic choir background that new member Adams keeps them in tune. Right Adams?

RECOGNITION GIVEN DAV FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

A certificate of achievement from the Surgeon General of the Navy was presented to the Disabled American War Veterans at the Naval Hospital, Bethesda, on Tuesday, 4 May, by Captain L. O. Stone, commanding officer of the hospital.

The certificate was awarded "in grateful acknowledgement of exceptional cooperation and outstanding services rendered to the Medical Department of the Navy." The organization contributed a great deal to welfare and recreation of patients at Bethesda Naval Hospital during the war years by furnishing them with tickets to sporting events and organizing parties and other entertainment.

Mr. Anthony Taylor accepted the certificate for the organization; other representatives attending the brief ceremony were Mr. Raymond Hooper, William E. Tate, Donald Dunn, Quintus Camp, John L. Feighner and Dr. C. L. Wood.

NSHA "Notes & Quotes"

The column this week will try to perform its daily good deed for a shipmate prior to the public's tiring of same; seems Joe Taylor is in search of a shipmate who will help him inventory his PN-Notes; cheer up Joe, you rate transportation of household effects. Volunteers may contact Joe at Building 142.

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Candidates for Commissary Class #8 are beginning to arrive; reinforcements arriving this week were: W. J. Dingwall, P. T. Leak, and believe it or not that initial "P" signifies that the full name is Patrick. 'Tis a day for the wearers of the shamrock.

INFO FROM THE ARCHIVES OF MARCH:

Hilt of clerical has joined the multitude of happy fathers when little Melisa Ann made her terrestrial debut. Only a clerical papa can sit all day and walk all night quoting CirLtrs and AlNavs -- Take heart Hilt, there may be a V-10 twenty years from now - She will be a great help in making those changes as they occur in the notes. Also along the same lines, we have Mount who

will soon be in the market for a station wagon when the expected materializes, he claims his sedan will be inadequate for the family transportation.

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Again Jack Stetson breaks into this column - Jack has almost become a permanent fixture around Building 142 with all those watches. Jack feels so good lately that he can't bear to live with himself. Take it easy Jack, ere one of our Property & Accounting neophytes tags a plant account number on you.

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The P&A Class correspondent, rarely at a loss for words, feels justly chagrined at being reminded that his column was due this AM and ol' sol now being on the PM side of the sky. He claims that it's an ill wind that blows no good -- having just completed one of "Rock a Bye" Bybee's examinations and the facial expressions round and about would indicate that some are still in the dark. (Maybe it is caused by the inauguration of Daylight Saving Time.) Can't see it for the local pubs observe an earlier closing, should balance out.

NAVY RELIEF ASKS CONTRIBUTIONS

The period 4 May to 6 June, in commemoration of the Battle of the Coral Sea and Battle of Midway, has been set aside as the period during which contributions to the Navy Relief Society from all members of the Naval service afloat and ashore, will be gratefully received. The District of Columbia auxiliary, Navy Relief Society, will receive contributions from all activities of the Potomac River Naval Command.

The Navy Relief Society, as you all know, aids the welfare of the serviceman or his family in time of emergency. "The ability to meet the obligation of the Navy's own society is dependent in great measure upon the wholehearted support of the Naval service."

Chaplain Martin has been appointed chairman of the effort at the Medical Center. Personnel in each command will be given an opportunity to make donations to the Society through representatives in commands on either the 17th or 20th of May.